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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Sir/Madam:

The Examiner has explained some reasons that claims 1-22 are allowable over the prior art in the section of the Notice of Allowability entitled "Allowable Subject Matter." The Notice of Allowability states that "Claims 2-11 are allowed by the virtue of dependency on the allowed claim 1." (Notice of Allowability -- page 2). The Notice of Allowability also states that "Claims 14-22 are allowed by the virtue of dependency on the allowed claim 13." (Notice of Allowability -- page 2). Applicant respectfully submits that claims 2-11 and 14-22 are not only allowable based on their dependency to claims 1 and 13, respectively, but are allowable based on features of these claims in combination with features of independent claims 1 and 13, respectively.

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